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Command Responsibilities To Be Extensive In the Voting Assistance Program – 1972

By Melvin R. Laird
Secretary of Defense

All levels of command within the Armed Forces must take positive steps to ensure that our military and civilian personnel will have maximum feasible opportunity to register and to vote this year. For most Service personnel and many of their dependents who will be away from their voting residences on election day, this requires that commanders facilitate the process of absentee registration and voting.

February of this year, designated as "Military Voter Registration Month," marked the beginning of Service voting assistance activity by focusing attention on voting registration requirements and procedures. This assistance must be a continuing activity down to the time of the General election, Nov. 7.

At all command levels, military and civilian personnel must be informed of their right to vote and must be aided in obtaining information concerning registration and voting procedures. This responsibility of the commander extends to spouses of Service members and their dependents, if located on or near the stations of the Service members.

Essential voting information is being provided on a continuing basis through the Military Departments. The basic document used by voting officers and voting counselors is **Voting Information—1972.*** Changes to this publication are also being distributed to the Services on a continuing basis.

There are several "musts" for each commander:

—Review and be familiar with Service regulations covering the voting assistance program;

—Ensure that the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot is on hand in time for voters to participate in primary elections in each State, Territory, and in the District of Columbia as well as in the General election on Nov. 7, 1972;

—For the General election, specifically, an FPCA must be hand-delivered to every individual by Aug. 15, 1972, if the Service member is overseas, and by Sep. 15, 1972, if serving in the United States;

—Ensure the availability and distribution of voting information materials to all members of his command;

—Provide for the availability of qualified and conscientious voting officers to provide accurate and timely information; and

—Inform personnel newly enfranchised by the 26th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution of their rights and responsibilities regarding voting.

Throughout the Nation, 11 million new potential voters have been added to the electorate as a result of the passage of the 26th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, which lowered the voting age to 18 years. Of these 11 million, more than 675,000 are serving in the Armed Forces.

The right to vote is precious, safeguarded by those who serve and have served in our Armed Forces. It is incumbent on all commanders to ensure that encouragement and assistance are given to all in their command who wish to exercise it.

* DoD GEN 6D; DA Pam 360-503; NAVPERS 158681; AFP 211-4; NAVMC 1174 (Rev. 72), and CG 292.

VOTING INITIATIVES FOR COMMANDERS

At the Armed Forces Policy Council Meeting of March 20, 1972, Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird instructed the Services and Defense Agencies to insure implementation of the Voting Assistance Program with command emphasis and support at all levels.

Since success of the program involves a wide variety of requirements during the remainder of this year, the following initiatives are necessary:

I. Insure Command Support.
II. Insure designation of voting officials to be responsible for conduct of the Voting Assistance Program.
III. Insure delivery of essential materials for use of voting officials (will be updated monthly).
IV. Initiate Special Voting Information Bulletins.
V. Use the Voting "Action Line."
VI. Continue evaluation of the Voting Assistance Program.
VII. Plan Command/Internal Voting Information Programs for all personnel.
VIII. Develop a Voting Assistance Training and Participation Plan.
IX. Develop a Defense-wide Voting Awareness Plan.
X. Respond to requests for information on candidates and issues.

I. INSURING COMMAND SUPPORT

1. Review the Secretary of Defense's memorandum of Jan. 17, 1972, and its checklist of actions. Issue implementing instructions.

2. Review Voting Campaign Plan 1972. Insure that the program is understood and supported throughout the Service.

3. Review DoD Directive 1000.4 and insure that the Department directive is implemented in the field.

4. Encourage direct communications between field Voting Officers and the OSD Voting Task Force where answers are not available locally.

5. OSD and Departmental key and senior personnel should check the effectiveness of the Voting Assistance Program during any visits to field installations. Similar inquiries should be made by Inspector General teams when performing scheduled field inspections.

6. Each commander should:

a. Check that subordinate commands have an effective Voting Assistance Program.

b. Insure that Voting materials and information are transmitted expeditiously to all Voting Officers.

c. Encourage a flow of problems encountered in the field and pass them on as soon as possible for correction.

d. Publish suggestions or methods of improving the administration of the Voting Assistance Program.

II. INSURING DESIGNATION OF VOTING OFFICIALS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCT OF VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Designate Senior Military Voting Officials responsible for the Voting Program at major command levels.

2. Establish a line of communication from the Senior Military Voting Officials down to unit Voting Officer and Counselor.

Senior Military Voting Representatives:

Army—Maj. Gen. Verne L. Bowers
Air Force—Brig. Gen. Jeanne Holm
Navy — Rear Adm. Charles F. Rauch
Marine Corps—Brig. Gen. Harvey D. Spielman

Coast Guard—Rear Adm. Joseph R. Steel
DoD—Voting Assistance Task Force, (202) 694-4960

Service Voting Action Officers:

Army—Maj. James L. Meidl, (703) 756-2329
Air Force—Mr. Harvey A. Edwards, Autovon 487-3502
Navy—Mr. Edwin F. Gray, (202) 694-2674
Marine Corps—1st Lt. William S. Rhyne, (202) 694-2544
Coast Guard—CWO Gene F. Lewis, (202) 426-1869

Major Command Voting Officers

Insure that names and phone numbers are made available to the Senior Military Voting Representative, Service Voting Action Officer and to every Voting Officer or Counselor in next lower subordinate commands.

Installation Voting Officers

Insure that Voting Officers are named at all installations and that their names and phone numbers are known to the next higher command and to lower commands. Insure that installation telephone operators maintain a directory of all Voting Officers on the installation.

Unit Voting Officers

Insure that Voting Officers and voting assistance personnel are named in units and that their names and phone numbers are known to the next higher command **—and to all unit personnel.**

3. Via established Service information and command media, publish the names, titles and phone numbers of all Service

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Voting Messages from the Chiefs of Staff

American citizens have sacrificed much in defense of our inalienable rights and freedom, and voting in local and national elections is the best way the citizen-soldier can preserve our hard-won democratic form of government.

With the enactment of the 26th Amendment to our Constitution, more Army personnel than ever before are eligible to vote during this election year. I urge all commanders to encourage military personnel and their dependents, and oversea civilian employees, to register and vote, both in the primaries and the General elections. Our concerted efforts can ensure the success of the 1972 Voting Program.

WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND
General, USA
Chief of Staff

In this year when we of the Navy are emphasizing the maturity and responsibility of our younger members, I think it is particularly relevant that the Congress of the United States and our States have seen fit to lower the minimum voting age. This is a time when society is reeling from the trauma of change—in which the ideals of youth are playing an important part. I expect our young Navymen to share the growing concern of civilian youths to influence events around them. I speak to all ages, however, when I remind you that we in uniform share the obligations of all Americans to have a voice in choosing the people to run our government at all levels. I want every command to ensure that each member is shown the mechanics of voting, especially how to apply for an absentee ballot, and given encouragement to exercise his or her voting franchise.

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
Admiral, USN
Chief of Naval Operations

Many members of the military community neglect one of their most cherished rights—the right to vote. Yet, this is more than a right—it is a responsibility each of us has as an American citizen. Commanders must assure that every member of the Air Force family—each blue-suiter, eligible dependent and civilian employee—is reminded of his right and obligation to vote. No Air Force member should fail to vote because he didn't know how. Make certain your people are given the opportunity and the encouragement to exercise their most basic and precious freedom.

JOHN D. RYAN
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Command attention is the key to a successful voter registration program. This individual interest on a man-to-man basis has provided the Marine Corps an enviable record of participation in past elections.

Now, almost every Marine is eligible to vote. This year, then, represents a great new challenge to the Marine method of inculcating good citizenship habits.

I urge all Marine commanders to give increased attention to counseling and assisting their Marines, especially the first-time voters, in registering for and using absentee ballots provided by the individual States.

Voting is a lifetime responsibility. Encourage our Marines to fulfill it this year.

R. E. CUSHMAN, JR.
General, USMC
Commandant

VOTING INITIATIVES

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Voting Action Officers, major command Voting Officers, installation Voting Officers and unit Voting Officers.

4. Insure that Service Voting Action Officers maintain a current directory of Voting Officers of all major commands and installations and insure that similar directories are maintained down through the chain of command.

5. Insure coordination between Voting Officers and information officers at each level of command.

III. INSURING DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL MATERIALS FOR USE OF VOTING OFFICIALS

Insure that Voting Officers at each level of command have current directives and information on the Voting Assistance Program. The minimum reference material should include:

1. **Voting Campaign Plan 1972** and/or Service and Command directives.

2. **Voting Information—1972.**

3. DoD Directive 1000.4, "Absentee Voting," and/or implementing Service directives.

4. Command directives on absentee voting.

5. Secretary of Defense memorandum of Jan. 17, 1972, "Military Voter Registration Month," and/or implementing Service directives.

6. Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) forms.

7. Voting posters.

8. Voting films.

9. Special Service pamphlets, bulletins, circulars and letters on voting.

10. Sources for partisan and nonpartisan information.

11. Current voting information furnished to the field—and available from information officers—in the form of Defense Information Guidance Series, American Forces Press Service and TWX bulletins.

12. A directory containing the names and phone numbers of Voting Officers in the chain of command, e.g., next higher headquarters and next lower headquarters.

IV. INITIATING SPECIAL VOTING INFORMATION BULLETINS

1. Changes to **Voting Information—1972.**

2. Special notices on recent legislation which affects absentee voting.

3. Special notices on services offered by civilian voting-oriented organizations.

4. Information on problems brought to the attention of higher authority can cause the issuance of Voting Bulletins to the benefit of all commands.

V. USING THE VOTING "ACTION LINE"

1. The Voting "Action Line" is designed to assist all military Voting Officers located anywhere in the world, by giving them direct access to DoD in Washington, D.C., for quick response to voting problems.

2. Callers need access to an Automatic Voice Network (AUTOVON) line at their installations. Three Washington, D.C., phones are available. Only one number need be known to the caller, however, since an incoming call will automatically be switched to an alternate number in case of a busy line:

Washington, D.C., commercial number: (202) 694-4777, AUTOVON number: 224-4777.

3. The Voting "Action Line" is manned by the Federal Voting Assistance Task Force, Office of the Secretary of Defense, during normal working days from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Washington, D.C., time, Monday through Friday.

4. The Voting "Action Line" features an automatic answering service to accept calls during off-duty hours.

5. Callers should be prepared at all times, particularly when using the automatic answering service, to give:

a. Their name.
b. Their telephone number.
c. Their mailing address.
d. Concise statement of their voting problem.

6. Callers can expect prompt attention to all queries. The Task Force will respond either by telephone or airmail letter. In appropriate cases, especially that of material support, the Services will be asked to assist or to take the action.

7. Available assistance:

a. Information on registration and ballot request procedures.
b. Special assistance involving coordination with an individual State.
c. Coordination assistance with Service Military Voting Representatives regarding material problems.
d. County seat addresses.

VI. CONTINUING EVALUATION OF THE VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Telephone surveys should be conducted by **Service Military Voting Representatives.**

2. The purpose of the telephone surveys is to determine:

a. The availability of voting information and materials.
b. The number of personnel for whom each Voting Officer must provide assistance.
c. Coordination with nonpartisan civilian organizations regarding voting assistance efforts on base.
d. The amount of voting information coverage in local base newspapers.
e. Familiarity of Voting Officers with their responsibilities.
f. Availability of legal assistance for aid or information regarding problems with establishing residency.
g. Receipt at lowest possible level of implementing directives or memorandums pertaining to the Voting Assistance Program.
h. Whether the Voting Officers are equipped to assist their personnel with problems related to voting in primaries.
i. Whether voting assistance is offered to spouses and dependents.
j. Whether plans are established for in-hand delivery of FPCAs.
k. Whether the command, installation or unit Voting Officer is aware of the availability and function of the Voting "Action Line."
l. Whether Voting Officers and Voting Counselors are trained in the use of voting information and materials.
m. Coordination of survey data with OSD Voting Assistance Task Force.

3. A post-election survey of the voting

participation of members of the Armed Forces will be conducted. The survey:

a. Begins shortly after the General election of Nov. 1972.

b. Findings will become part of the Ninth Biennial Report to the President and the Congress.

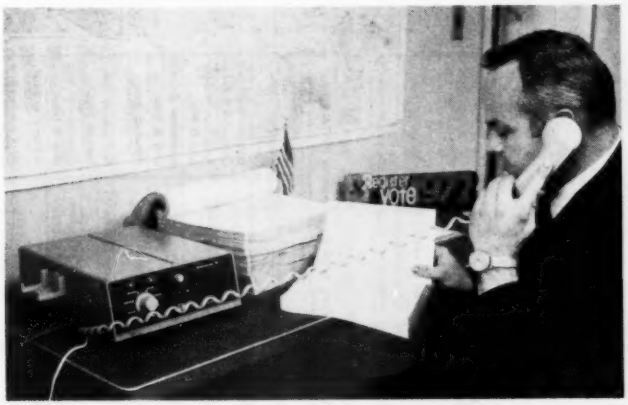
VII. PLANNING COMMAND/INTERNAL VOTING INFORMATION PROGRAMS FOR ALL PERSONNEL

Sufficient command/internal information programs should be scheduled to accomplish the following:

1. Explain the importance of the voting franchise.
2. Explain the meaning of the passage of the 26th Amendment.
3. Explain the functions of the FPCA and provide a detailed briefing on how to fill it out properly.
4. Provide general information on primary and General elections. (Explain requirements for voting in the primaries. Check dates for primaries and schedule information programs accordingly.)
5. Suggest sources of partisan voting information.
6. Unit Voting Representatives should follow up in supplying detailed information based on individual State requirements. Higher headquarters Voting Officers should check success of command/internal information periods. If sufficient information is not available, contact OSD Voting Assistance Task Force immediately.
7. Encourage imagination and the incorporation of command initiatives regarding the presentation.

VIII. DEVELOPING A VOTING ASSISTANCE TRAINING AND PARTICIPATION PLAN

1. Develop a plan for training and utilizing motivated volunteers such as wives clubs, dependents, Red Cross personnel, younger officers and enlisted personnel.
2. Prepare a training program (supervised by installation Voting Officers) for unit Voting Officers, Counselors and volunteers.



'ACTION LINE.' U.S. Navy Cdr. Ronald C. Inman, a member of the Federal Voting Assistance Task Force, answers a query on the unit's new Voting "Action Line." The "Action Line" telephone number is: (202) 694-4777 or AUTOVON 224-4777.
(DoD Photo)

3. Engage the support of base and local civic organizations.
4. Advertise and actively promote participation in the Voting Assistance Program.
5. Utilize installation or ship radio, television and troop newspapers where available.

IX. DEVELOPING A DEFENSE-WIDE VOTING AWARENESS PLAN

A Defense-wide media effort will be conducted to coincide with the basic schedule established in **Voting Campaign 1972.** Information support will emphasize two areas: The remaining primary elections and Nov. 7 General election. The following specific media actions will be conducted:

a. **Voting "Action Line"**—A worldwide telephone information service has been established to provide prompt response to questions from unit and installation Voting Officers and Counselors (Initiative V).

b. **Special Spread Sheet**—American Forces Press Service will publish special voting spread sheets as necessary as a supplement to its weekly news file. Services should alert their information offices and unit/installation newspaper editors to coordinate materials with Voting Officers prior to publishing.

c. **Radio and Television Interviews/News Reports**—Special coverage of appropriate voting subjects will be included in the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS). TV reports will begin in the AFRTS-Los Angeles program package by the first of May and continue every week for the duration of the campaign. Armed Forces Digest (radio) will make similar reports over AFRTS-Washington. AFRT stations should be encouraged to coordinate with unit/installation Voting Officers and incorporate these programs in local productions.

d. **Film Trailers**—Two national anthem trailers are scheduled for production immediately for Army/Air Force and Navy Motion Picture Service. The first will be designed for the period of June and July with the second to carry through August, September and October.

e. **Cartoon Promotions and Comic Strips**—Selected commercial cartoonists have been requested to support this program. Their contributions will be integrated with on-going internal information developments when received, while simultaneously carried by the commercial media.

f. **Broadcast Spot Production**—A review of existing AFRTS-Los Angeles and Washington spot production is underway. Following that evaluation, appropriate spots will be developed on those areas requiring additional emphasis and dispatched to field stations on a priority basis.

g. **Statements by Dignitaries** — Program supporting statements will be given widest multi-media coverage when available.

h. **The Serviceman's Calendar**—The monthly themes in the Serviceman's Calendar for the Nov. 7 General election and the primary elections will be developed in appropriate media formats by the Armed Forces Information Service for widest dissemination. Radio and tele-

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Registration and Voting Information

The state voting information shown on the accompanying chart is only applicable to members of the Armed Forces on active duty. All dates refer to the General Election on 7 November 1972.

State	Residency requirement			Registration requirement for military personnel	To register while absent, send a completed FPCA to:	To request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to:	
	State	County	Precinct			Where	When
Ala.	1 yr.	6 mo.	3 mo.	Must register before absentee ballot can be sent.	Board of Registrars, county of residence. See Note 1 (27 October).	County Register, county of residence.	Between 23 Sep and 2 Nov.
Alaska	1 yr.	(District: 30 days)		Must register before absentee ballot can be sent.	Lt. Governor, Pouch AA, Juneau, Alaska 99801. See Note 1 (8 October).	Same address as registration.	Between 7 May and 3 Nov.
Ariz.	1 yr.	30 days	30 days	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		County Recorder, county of residence.	Between 5 Oct and 4 Nov.
Ark.	1 yr.	6 mo.	30 days	Registration is waived.		County Clerk, county of residence.	After 8 Sep.
Calif.	90 days	90 days	54 days	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		County Clerk, county of residence.	Preferably before 8 Sep.
Colo.	3 mo.		29 days	Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		County Clerk, county of residence. (Denver: Election Commission). See Note 1(6 October).	Between 9 Aug and 3 Nov.
Conn.	(Town: 6 months)			State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		Town Clerk, town of residence.	At any time.
D. C.	(No specified duration)			Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		Board of Elections, District Building, Washington, D. C. 20004.	Before 31 Oct.
Del.	1 yr.	3 mo.	30 days	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		Department of Elections, county of residence. See Note 1 (28 October).	At any time.
Fla.	1 yr.	6 mo.		State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		Supervisor of Registration, county of residence. See Note 1 (8 October).	After 23 Sep.
Ga.	1 yr.	6 mo.		State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		Board of Registrars, county of residence. See Note 1 (18 September).	Between 9 Aug and 2 Nov.
Hawaii	1 yr.			Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		County Clerk, county of residence.	Between 8 Sep and 28 Oct.
Idaho	6 mo.	30 days		Uses executed affidavit on ballot-return envelope.		County Clerk, county of residence.	After 8 Sep.
Ill.	6 mo.	(District: 30 days)		Registration is waived.		Board of Election Commissioners or County Clerk, county of residence.	After 30 July.
Ind.	6 mo.	(Township: 60 days)	(or ward: 30 days)	Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		Clerk of the Circuit Court, county of residence.	Between 8 Oct and 4 Nov.
Iowa	6 mo.	60 days	10 days	Uses executed affidavit on ballot-return envelope.		County Auditor, county of residence, or City or Town Clerk.	After 9 Aug.
Kans.	6 mo.	(Ward or township: 30 days)		Registration is waived.		Secretary of State, Topeka, Kansas 66612.	After 3 Sep.
Ky.	1 yr.	6 mo.	60 days	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		County Clerk, county of residence. See Note 1 (18 October).	Before 18 Oct.
La.	1 yr.	(Parish: 6 mo.)	3 mo.	Must register before absentee ballot can be sent.	Registrar of Voters, parish of residence. See Note 1 (8 October).	Clerk of District Court, parish of residence. (Orleans parish: Civil Sheriff).	Between 8 Sep and 31 Oct.
Maine	6 mo.	(Municipality: 3 mo.)		Must register before absentee ballot can be sent.	Board of Registration or Registrar of Voters, municipality of residence.	Secretary of State, or City or Town Clerk.	At any time.
Mass.	6 mo.			Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		City or Town Clerk, place of residence.	At any time.
Md.	6 mo.	(or city: 28 days)		Uses executed affidavit on ballot-return envelope.		Board of Supervisors of Elections, county of residence or City of Baltimore.	Before 31 Oct.
Mich.	6 mo.	(City/township: resident 5th Fri. before election)		State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		City or Township Clerk, place of residence.	Between 24 Aug and 4 Nov.
Minn.	30 days		30 days	Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		County Auditor, county of residence.	At any time.

State	Residency requirement			Registration requirement for military personnel	To register while absent, send a completed FPCA to:	To request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to:	
	State	County	Precinct			Where	When
Miss.	1 yr.	1 yr.	(District: 6 mo.)	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		City or County Registrar, place of residence. See Note 1 (1 July.).	After 8 Oct.
Mo.	1 yr.	(or city: 60 days)		Registration is waived.		Clerk of County Court, or Board of Election Commissioners, place of residence.	At any time.
Mont.	1 yr.	30 days		Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		County, City or Town Clerk, place of residence. See Notes 1 (8 October).	After 23 Sep.
N. C.	1 yr.		30 days	Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		Chairman, County Board of Elections, county of residence.	At any time.
N. Dak.	1 yr.	90 days	30 days	Registration is waived.		County Auditor, county of residence.	After 8 Oct.
Nebr.	6 mo.	20 days	(or ward: 5 days)	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		County Clerk, county of residence. (Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy: Election Commission).	Between 9 Aug and 3 Nov.
Nev.	6 mo.	30 days	10 days	Must register before absentee ballot can be sent.	Board of Registrars or Court Clerk, county of residence. See Note 1 (8 October).	Same address as registration.	Before 5 p.m. on 31 Oct.
N. H.			6 mo.	Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		Secretary of State, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.	At any time.
N. J.	6 mo.	40 days		Registration is waived.		County Clerk, county of residence.	At any time.
N. Mex.	1 yr.	90 days	30 days	Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		County Clerk, county of residence.	Before 28 Oct. (Overseas 10 Oct)
N. Y.	3 mo.	(or city/village: 3 mo)		Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		Div. for Serviceman's Voting, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12225.	Before 28 Oct.
Ohio	6 mo.	40 days	40 days	Registration is waived.		Clerk, County Board of Elections, county of residence.	Before noon on 4 Nov.
Okla.	6 mo.	2 mo.	20 days	Registration is waived.		Secretary, County Election Board, county of residence.	At any time.
Oreg.	More than 6 mo.			Uses executed affidavit on ballot-return envelope.		County Clerk, county of residence.	At any time.
Pa.	90 days		(District: 60 days)	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		County Board of Elections, county of residence.	At any time.
P. R.			1 yr.	Must register before absentee ballot can be sent.	General Supervisor of Elections, San Juan P. R. 00903. See Note 1 (21 February).	Same address as registration.	Before 1 Sep.
R. I.	1 yr.	(City/town: 6 mo.)		Registration is waived.		Board of Canvassers and Registration, place of residence.	Before 5 p.m. on 17 Oct.
S. C.	6 mo.	3 mo.	30 days	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		Board of Registration, county of residence. See Note 1 (8 October).	At any time.
S. Dak.	180 days	90 days	30 days	Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		County/City Auditor or Town/Township Clerk. See Note 1 (23 October).	At any time.
Tenn.	1 yr.	3 mo.		Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		Election Commission, county of residence.	Between 9 Aug and 28 Oct.
Tex.	1 yr.	6 mo.		Registered when FPCA for absentee ballot is accepted.		Office of County Clerk, county of residence.	Preferably before 23 Sep.
Utah	6 mo.	60 days		Uses executed affidavit on ballot-return envelope.		County Clerk, county of residence.	Between 8 Oct and 2 Nov.
Va.	6 mo.		30 days	State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		General Registrar, place of residence.	Between 28 Sep and 2 Nov.
Vt.	90 days	(Town: 90 days)		Uses executed affidavit on ballot-return envelope.		Town Clerk, place of residence.	At any time.
Wash.	1 yr.	90 days	(or city: 30 days)	Uses executed affidavit on ballot-return envelope.		Secretary of State, Olympia, Washington 98501.	After 1 July.
Wis.	6 mo.		(or district: 10 days)	Registration is waived.		City/Town Clerk, place of residence. (Milwaukee: Board of Election Commissioners).	At any time.
W. Va.	1 yr.	(or city: 60 days)		State registration form sent with absentee ballot.		Clerk of County Court, county of residence. See Notes 1,2 (8 October).	After 8 Sep.
Wyo.	1 yr.	60 days	10 days	Uses executed affidavit on ballot-return envelope.		County Clerk, county of residence.	Before 23 Oct.

Note 1: If you are not registered, you should complete the state's registration procedure in time to be registered by the date shown in parentheses.

Note 2: If you are not registered, you should include on your FPCA the notation "Registration application requested".

PARTY PREFERENCE VOTING INFORMATION

Members of the Armed Forces and their families can obtain complete information on national and local issues in the 1972 Election Year from several sources.

Relatives and friends at home can provide first-hand news by mail. The home town paper probably carries a large amount of political news as well. Many papers and magazines also have special rates for Service personnel stationed out of state. Finally, civic, educational or political organizations often have partisan information on the candidates and the issues to be voted upon. The addresses included here list—by State—the major political parties, which may be unofficially contacted by the military member through the mail.

STATE	Democratic Headquarters	Republican State Central Committees
ALABAMA	933 Nelson Bldg. Birmingham 35203	P.O. Box 3315 Birmingham 35205
ALASKA	Tyonek Bldg. (4th Ave.) Anchorage 99501	P.O. Box 1364 (129 W. 5th Ave.) Anchorage 99501
ARIZONA	1318 North Central Ave. Phoenix 85004	3300 North Central Ave. Phoenix 85012
ARKANSAS	720-300 Spring St. Little Rock 72201	917 West Markham St. Little Rock 72201
CALIFORNIA	**Southern Office** 417 S. Hill St., Suite 661 Los Angeles 90013 **Northern Office** 1182 Market St., #306 San Francisco 94102	918 J St. Sacramento 95814 **Northern Office** 2131 Jackson St. San Francisco 94115 **Central Office** 2917 Summit Circle Bakersfield 93306 **Southern Office** 177 Rivo Alto Canal Long Beach 90803

STATE	Democratic Headquarters	Republican State Central Committees
COLORADO	220 West Alameda #40 on the Mall Denver 80223	1711 Pennsylvania St. Denver 80203
CONNECTICUT	525 Main St. Hartford 06103	410 Asylum St., Rm. 315 Hartford 06103
DELAWARE	1534 Concord Pike Wilmington 19810	2007 Pennsylvania Ave. Wilmington 19806
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1009 13th St. NW Washington 20006	310 First St. SE Washington 20003
FLORIDA	P.O. Box 1758 Tallahassee 32302	P.O. Box 311 Tallahassee 32302
GEORGIA	2501 Bank of Georgia Bldg. Atlanta 30303	1904 Monroe Dr. NE Atlanta 30324
GUAM	P.O. Box 456 Agana 96910	P.O. Box 1697 Agana 96910
HAWAII	33 S. King St., Suite 216 Honolulu 96813	Merchandise Mart Bldg., Rm. 438 Honolulu 96813
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WYOMING	P.O. Box 1964 Casper 82601	P.O. Box 241 Casper 82601
CANAL ZONE	Box 615 Balboa	No address listed.

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vision coverage will also be provided through AFRTS. Services can assist the program by having Information offices request unit/installation newspaper editors to publish and coordinate materials with Voting Officers. Additionally, overseas, AFRT station managers should be urged to make full use of these programs.

X. RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES AND ISSUES

For a number of years, the League of Women Voters has voluntarily supplied servicemen and servicewomen with information about candidates for public office and on the issues of the day. In February of this year, the national chapter of that organization announced that that information service had been discontinued for DoD personnel. Listed below is a suggested response plan for the Services.

1. The Service Voting Action Officers listed under Initiative II.2. receive the requests for partisan and nonpartisan information from the Voting Assistance Task Force.

2. Prepare a form letter to answer each request.

   a. Include a copy of Defense Information Guidance Series (DIGS) number 8A-18 of January, 1972. "Absentee Voting and the Military Family" (Part II). The publication lists several local sources of partisan information and provides a complete list of major party headquarters in every state.

   b. Include a fact sheet on state registration and ballot request procedures. The DIGS which served as an advance on the pamphlet, **Voting Information—1972,** is ideal for this purpose.

3. The Office of Information for the Armed Forces (IAF) will provide the Service Voting Action Officers with as many copies of DIGS 8A-18 (sources of local partisan information) and the DIGS on Voting Information—1972 as they require—as well as any additional new material required.

Voting Assistance Program Materials

A variety of multi-media information material has been produced by the Department of Defense and the Military Departments to provide Armed Forces voters with the latest information concerning absentee voting—in the primaries and in the General election of Nov. 7, 1972.

The material includes pamphlets, posters, films, and news stories and features for Armed Forces newspaper readers. Service audiences overseas and on ships at sea receive updated information via American Forces Radio and Television Service facilities. Also, voting bulletins are disseminated by electronic messages to the Services for rapid re-transmission.

Such voting assistance program material is produced to aid commanders and Voting Officers and Voting Counselors in their efforts to encourage all eligible Armed Forces voters and dependents to exercise their franchise.

Basic voting information materials are:

- **Voting Information—1972** (DoD GEN 6D);
- (First supplement) Change 1, **Voting Information—1972,** March 21, 1972;
- (Second supplement) Supplement to **Voting Information—1972,** Commanders Digest, Volume 11, Number 25, April 27, 1972;
- (Third supplement) "A Supplement for Voting Officers. The Serviceman's Voting Calendar and Directory of County Addresses by State."
- **Defense Information Guidance Series** Fact Sheets Number 8A-14 (being revised), "Absentee Voting and the Military Family"; Number 8A-18, "Absentee Voting and the Military Family" (Part II); 8A-21, "Absentee Voting and the Military Family" (Part III).
- **Voting Information Bulletins:**
  No. 1, April 7, 1972—Subj.: League of Women Voters
  No. 2, April 7, 1972—Subj.: "Action Line."
  No. 3, April 14, 1972—Subj.: May 1972 Primaries.
- **Films:** "Ballots That Fly," AFIF 129;
  "The First Tuesday After the First Monday," AFIF 171;
  "The Vote," AFIF 128.
- **Posters:** "America's Armed Forces Vote," DoD P-31;
  "A Free Ballot, A Free Country—Vote," DoD P-36;
  "Defend America's Heritage—Vote," DoD P-37;
  "America Needs Your Vote," DoD P-38 ;
  "My Vote, Freedom's Privilege," DoD P-50;
  "Your Hands Have a Voice," DoD P-53;
  "18—Vote: You're Old Enough," DoD P-69;
  "Armed Forces Voters Day," DoD P-70.

Commanders and unit Voting Officers and Counselors use these materials to supplement their voting assistance programs, governed by the following Armed Forces voting regulations or directives:

Department of Defense: DoD Directive 1000.4, Absentee Voting, July 10, 1971;

Department of the Army: Army Regulation 608-20;

Department of the Navy (less the Marine Corps): BUPERS Manual, Article 6210220;

Department of the Air Force: Air Force Regulation 211-19;

U.S. Marine Corps: Marine Corps Order 1742.2;

U.S. Coast Guard: Coast Guard Personnel Manual (CG 207), Section B, Chapter 16.

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How to Fill Out An Absentee Ballot Request

Standard Form 76—commonly called the Federal Post Card Application, or FPCA—is a postage-free card which military personnel and dependents can use to request registration or an absentee ballot. State laws should be checked on how to use the FPCA. The pamphlet, **Voting Information—1972,** has the latest information, State by State.

Properly completing the FPCA is an important step in the process of registering or obtaining an absentee ballot. Shown here is a sample of a properly completed FPCA (front and back views), along with some suggestions on how to prepare the FPCA for a State's primary election.

Item (2): For the General election in November, do **not** mark in this box.

Item (5): Make the address as complete as possible. It will help election officials to determine which ballots to send.

Item (6): See chart, page 6. Persons not registered can request registration forms as indicated.

Item (7): **Any** address, official or otherwise, may be used. Use the best current mailing address.

Item (9): Sign name here, in the presence of the person who attests to the signature.

Item (11): Some States do not require notarization; those that do are indicated in the **Voting Information—1972** pamphlet. However, it is suggested that the FPCA be notarized by a commissioned officer.

FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF CARD

POST CARD APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

State or Commonwealth of NORTH CAROLINA
(Fill in name of State or Commonwealth)

(1) I hereby request an absentee ballot to vote in the coming election:
(GENERAL) (PRIMARY)* (SPECIAL) ELECTION.
(Strike out inapplicable words)

2 → (2) *If a ballot is requested for a primary election, print your political party affiliation or preference in this box: ☐
(If primary election is secret in your State, do not answer)

(3) I am a citizen of the United States, eligible to vote in above State, and am:
a. A member of the Armed Forces of the United States ☒
b. A member of the merchant marine of the United States ☐
c. A citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside of the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia ☐
d. A spouse or dependent of a person listed in (a), or (b) above ☐
A spouse or dependent residing with or accompanying a person described in (c) above ☐

(4) I was born on 14 DECEMBER 1945
(Day) (Month) (Year)

5 → (5) For 10 years preceding the above election my home (not military) residence in the above State has been 3161 LAMOND PLACE, ALLISON
(Street and number or rural route, etc.)
in the county or parish of JOHNSON
The voting precinct or election district for this residence is ST. SWITHIN'S
(Name if known)

6 → (6) Remarks: SEND REGISTRATION FORMS.

7 → (7) Mail my ballot to the following official address:
For those assigned in the U.S.:
(YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS)
(Unit (Co., Sq., Trp., Bn., etc.), Governmental Agency, or Office)
(Military Base, Station, Camp, Fort, Ship, Airfield, etc.)
For those assigned elsewhere:
(APO, or FPO number)

(8) I am NOT requesting a ballot from any other State and am not voting in any other manner in this election, except by absentee process, and have not voted and do not intend to vote in this election at any other address.

9 → (9) (YOUR SIGNATURE)
(Signature of person requesting ballot)

(10) (YOUR NAME, RANK OR RATE, & SSAN)
(Full name, typed or printed, with rank or grade, and service number)

11 → (11) Subscribed and sworn to before me on ..... (Day, month, and year)

(Signature of official administering oath) (Typed or printed name of official administering oath)

(Title or rank, service number, and organization of administering official)

INSTRUCTIONS

A. Before filling out this form see your voting officer in regard to the voting laws of your State and absentee registration and voting procedure.
B. Type or print all entries except signatures. FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF CARD.
C. Address card to proper State official. Your voting officer or commanding officer will furnish you his title and address.
D. Mail card as soon as your State will accept your application.
E. NO postage is required for the card.

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In completing the card at right, the applicant's current address (top left), and the address of the election official at the voting residence (lower right), must be filled in. See **Voting Information—1972,** or the unit voting representative.

Other hints: type or print legibly, use permanent ink and be sure to fill in the FPCA completely, on both sides.

(YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS)

OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS

FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF THE CARD

FREE OF U. S. POSTAGE INCLUDING AIR MAIL

OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOTING MATERIAL—VIA AIR MAIL

ADDRESS OF ELECTION OFFICIAL AT YOUR VOTING RESIDENCE

To: .....
(TITLE OF ELECTION OFFICIAL)
(COUNTY OR TOWNSHIP)
(CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP CODE)

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